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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

For Application of: Michael Austin and Barry O'Brien
Application No.: 09/683249
Filed: December 5, 2001
Cor: Combined Balloon-Expanding and Self-Expanding Stent
Examiner: Michael Thaler
Group Art Unit: 3731

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Docket No.: S63.2B-10014-US01

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

1. In regard to the above-identified application, in addition to this 1 page transmittal letter, we are submitting the attached:
10 page Amendment; 4 page Sixth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; 2 page form listing cited references; copy of 1 reference and Postcard.
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This conditional petition is being filed along with the papers identified in Item 1 above and provides for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time or for a petition and fee for any other matter petitionable to the Commissioner as required. If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required or if a petition for any other matter is required, by petitioner, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.
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Respectfully submitted,

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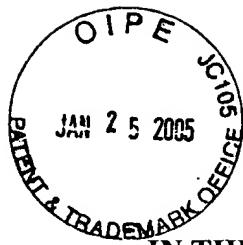
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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated November 22, 2004.

If an extension of time is required to make this response timely and no separate petition is enclosed, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time sufficient to make the response timely. In the event that this response requires the payment of government fees and payment is not enclosed, please charge Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

Please amend the application as follows: